

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please delete original paragraphs 18, 19 and 20 and replace with the following paragraphs 18, 19 and 20:

[0018] Various exemplary embodiments of this invention will be described in detail, with reference to the following figures, wherein:

Figure 1 is an exploded view of the illuminating brake release handle;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the assembled brake release handle;

Figure 3 is a front elevation of an assembled illuminating brake release handle;

Figure 4 is a side elevation of the assembled brake release handle; and

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the light mounting plate of the brake release handle.

Figure 6 is a side view of a motor chain saw with an illuminating brake release handle.

Figure 7 is a side view of a motor chain saw with an illuminating brake release in which light is emanating from the brake release to illuminate the saw chain.

[0019] In order to be able to safely guide a motor chain saw during the sawing procedure, a main motor housing 19 is typically provided. ~~The~~ As shown in Figure 6, the blade 20 and the saw chain 21 that is driven by the motor and that is supported on the blade, emanate from this main motor housing 19. A rear grip or handle 22 of the main motor housing 19 has the control elements for the internal combustion machine, and a front grip or handle 23 is secured thereto. The front handle extends, along its middle

section, transverse to the cutting plane of the saw chain, and is arranged above the center of gravity of the saw (not illustrated in the drawings) in the vertical cutting position of the saw.

[0020] The motor housing has a braking mechanism 24 for stopping the motion of the saw chain 21. The brake release generally comprises a brake release handle 10 secured to the chain saw and disposed between the chain saw handle 23 and the saw blade 20 of the chain saw, the brake release handle having a front wall facing the saw chain, and a rear wall. The brake release 10 also has an extension 25 for securing the brake release to the motor housing 19, and also has an extension 26 that is engageable with the braking mechanism of the housing. Such a motor chain saw is described in United States Patent 4,683,660, to Schurr, issued August 4, 1987.

The full text of added paragraphs 18, 19 and 20 without any underlining is as follows;

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In addition, please delete original paragraph 23 and replace with the following paragraph 23:

[0023] The motor chain saw of the present invention is characterized in that the chain brake release or triggering device holds a light source that is directed over the

cutting region of the saw chain (Fig. 1 and Fig. 7.). Figures 2 through 4 show the brake release of the invention 10, assembled in the mode for attachment to a motor chain saw (~~not shown~~).

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Finally, please delete original paragraph 25 and replace with the following paragraph 25:

[0025] The brake release 10 described herein has a light source 11 located in the brake release operatively positioned for illuminating the saw chain while in operation, with the light source emanating 27 from the front wall 12 to illuminate at least a portion of the saw chain while in operation. Preferably, the front wall 12 comprises a translucent material, with the light source 11 protected and secured behind the translucent material.

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